

Oaks Christian Church General Board Meeting

April 15, 2012

Barb Scantlin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. and gave the opening prayer.

Voting Members present: Barb Scantlin, Sara Simons, Don Whitley, Carole Green, Jimmye Saldivar, Katie Spencer, Crystal Smith, Pat Whitley, Bob Simons, Larry Scruggs. Non-voting Participants: Don Joseph.

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Renovada Ministry Report:

Minutes: March 11, 2012 minutes were read and filed for audit.

Treasurer Report: Attached March report was accepted by consensus.

Financial Secretary: Attached Report for January through March, 2012 was presented.

Joys and Sharing of Ministries:

Ministry Team Representatives:

Evangelism: Katie read a letter received by Ruth from the City of Houston asking churches to participate as a site or summer food (with food being furnished through the program and at no cost to the churches) for children. It is too late to participate this year, but we should look into doing this next year.

Facilities: Attached report was presented.

Membership: Attached report was presented. Crystal has been sending out cards welcoming visitors and suggested contacting previous visitors regarding our new minister, and intends to draft a proposed letter.

Stewardship: Bob suggested to go forward emphasizing the call of our new minister.

Worship: Larry Scruggs reported that Easter services went well, and that we will be recognizing Mothers and Fathers Days in worship. He reported that the Worship Ministry is over budget.

Diaconate: Carole reported that scheduling is completed.

Church in Society: Pat Whitley has not gotten a report on the Easter Offering yet. We have just given \$500 to Manna. Pat reported that Manna is making improvements, including a new look, in accordance with a consultant's report.

Business: \$500 was added to the Worship Ministry Budget by consensus.

Barb asked board members to volunteer for Children's Worship and that ministry teams hold meetings.

Bob Simons reported that Chris Hamilton is seeking the Church's help for a camp scholarship. No Board action was needed.

Barb announced that the Area Assembly is at Memorial Drive Christian Church on May 6.

Pastor's Report: Don made several suggestions for the next couple of months:

Home vision meetings. 5-10 meetings at homes to discuss members' visions of the church, with the Elders in charge in organizing, with Don attending all meetings.

Don wants to meet with each Ministry Team.

He is willing to set up a Facebook account, to be approved before publication.

He would like to have lunch meetings with members.

He would like to start a Bible study if we want it and just wants to know when and where.

He also plans to start a separate Bible study for youth that may not yet be comfortable coming to Sunday services.

Concerns: Bill Scantlin, Chris King recovering from surgery, Bill Odena awaiting test results.

Upcoming Events: Astros v. Pirates, July 28. Game starts at 6:05 PM. Mercy Me concert afterward. \$22 per ticket, along third base line. We will probably have a bus.

Respectfully submitted:

Don C. Whitley
Recording Secretary